



# **COUNCILMEMBER DONNA FRYE**

## *CITY OF SAN DIEGO – SIXTH COUNCIL DISTRICT*

### **Press Release**

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### **FRYE PUTS FINISHING TOUCHES ON NEW SAN DIEGO RIVER PARK MURAL**

*Mural focuses on river's wildlife*

**San Diego, CA-** Today City Councilmember Donna Frye helped put the finishing touches on a large mural across from the fifty-one acre Mission Valley Preserve, which the San Diego River runs through.

Frye said, "This mural is a beautiful addition to the area that surrounds the San Diego River. Many people who drive down Friars Road are not aware of how close the river is to them. This mural will help raise awareness about the river and the wildlife that it sustains."

The mural was designed by local artist, Julia C.R. Gray. Other area artists have assisted in this project by working with the design and grid developed by Gray. All members of the community were encouraged to take part in completing the mural.

The mural is part of the San Diego River Park Foundation's Community Enhancement Program. It is part of a plan to establish a San Diego River Park and trail, provide more public access to the river and promote the history of the river. The San Diego River flows for 52 miles from as far east as the Julian area and west until it empties into the Pacific Ocean. Frye has worked for years to restore and protect the naturally beautiful area in and around the river.

"Nowhere in California is there a path that could easily connect so many local attractions from Qualcomm Stadium to the shopping centers to the historical and archeological treasures found along the San Diego River," said Frye. "Completion of this mural is just one of many steps the San Diego River Park Foundation has taken to raise public awareness of the River."

Councilmember Frye is Chair of the San Diego River Conservancy. The Conservancy was established by an act of the California Legislature to preserve, restore and enhance the San Diego River area. The Conservancy's nine-member Governing Board consists of both state and local representatives, creating a partnership which reflects the diversity and dedication to conserving this highly valued resource of statewide significance.

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